

House Study Bill 125 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON MILLER)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to duties of the department of human services
2 relating to child abuse and family assessment reports in
3 child abuse cases.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 232.71B, subsection 17, Code 2015, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 17. *County attorney — juvenile court.* The department shall
4 provide the juvenile court and the county attorney with a copy
5 of the written child abuse assessment report, and the written
6 family assessment report ~~for cases in which the department~~
7 ~~requests a child in need of assistance petition, or other~~
8 ~~reports for cases in which the department requests a child~~
9 ~~in need of assistance petition.~~ The juvenile court and the
10 county attorney shall notify the department of any action taken
11 concerning an assessment provided by the department.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 An Act relating to the duties of the department of human
16 services relating to child abuse and family assessment reports
17 in child abuse cases.

18 Under current law, the department of human services is
19 required to provide the juvenile court and the county attorney
20 with a copy of the department's written child abuse assessment
21 report, the department's written family assessment report for
22 cases in which the department requests a child in need of
23 assistance petition, or other reports for cases in which the
24 department requests a child in need of assistance petition.
25 The bill provides that the department is required to provide
26 the juvenile court and the county attorney with a copy of
27 the written child abuse assessment report and the written
28 family assessment report, regardless of whether the department
29 has requested a child in need of assistance petition. The
30 department is not required to provide the juvenile court and
31 the county attorney additional reports.